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## **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**MARCH 24, 2006**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raymond M. Peterson M.D., Chair, Arleen Downing M.D., Toni Gonzales, Gretchen Hester, Marie Kanne Poulsen Ph.D., Theresa Rossini, Elaine Fogel-Schneider Ph.D., Rick Ingraham (DDS – Lead Agency), Jim Bellotti (CDE), Cynthia Jaynes (DADP), Hallie Morrow M.D. (DHS), Patrick Kelliher for Cheryl Treadwell (DSS)

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sylvia Carlisle, M.D., Beverly Morgan-Sandoz, Alicia Sheflin Thompson (DMH), Cheryl Treadwell (DSS)

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

See Attachment A.

#### **RECORDERS:**

Patric Widmann  
Wendy Santos

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He acknowledged and commended the efforts of the Standing Committee participants who met earlier in the day. Self-introduction of ICC members and participants were made.

Rick Ingraham introduced Kevin Brown as the new Chief of the Early Start Section at the Department of Developmental Services. He is replacing Cheri Schoenborn who is retiring from State service. (Attachment B - Executive Committee Minutes).

Dr. Peterson reported that all Standing Committee members were requested to review their committee assignments and ask for a change if desired. In response Kay Ryan will now participate on the Public Awareness Committee (PAC) and Nenita Herrera-Sioco on the Integrated Services and Health Committee (ISHC). He then announced that Rebecca Carroll, a parent from Santa Barbara, was approved to serve as a Community Representative on PAC.

#### **AGENDA REVIEW**

The agenda was reviewed and approved with one noted change. The special presentation was removed from the agenda due to cancellation by the presenter.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the November 2005 ICC meeting and January 2006 Planning Session Summary were approved as submitted with the addition of Fran Chasen as an attendee of the November 2005 meeting.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Peterson referred to his message in the packet and thanked all present for participating. He and Rick Ingraham recognized Cheri Schoenborn, who is retiring from State service for her accomplishments and contributions to Early Start and the ICC.

Dr. Peterson announced that the ICC would no longer have the benefit of the participation by Ruth Cook, Doug Cleveland, and Jim Cleveland.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Theresa Rossini reported that the Executive Committee was provided with an overview of the January Planning Session, followed by Rick Ingraham who reported on the State Performance Plan and status of ICC recommendations.

Elaine Schneider announced that Patty Moore, a parent from Santa Barbara who has been active in the field of early intervention since 1992, was selected to receive the Parent Leadership Award for 2006 (Attachment - March Executive Committee Minutes). Although not selected, many excellent individuals were nominated this year and are commended for their many contributions to the field of early intervention.

Gretchen Hester informed the ICC and participants that the Parent Leadership Ad Hoc Workgroup had met since the last ICC meeting. She also noted that the workgroup had provided the Executive Committee with a membership roster, workgroup structure, notes, and a matrix of parent characteristics from their interim meeting (Attachment D – March Executive Committee Minutes).

### **ICC STAFF REPORT**

Patric Widmann reported that the next ICC meeting will be held at the Marriott Sacramento in Rancho Cordova. Reservations must be made by April 26, 2006 to ensure a room at the discounted State rate. Patric also noted that the travel reimbursement process would be reviewed with the DDS accounting office in response to an issue raised about timely travel reimbursement.

### **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CA REPORT**

Linda Landry reported on the activities of the FRCNCA. The full report is included as Attachment B. An additional handout, entitled *Safety Tips for Children with Special Needs*, published by Toledo Children's Hospital, was shared with the ICC.

### **ACTION ITEM**

Rick Ingraham reported that since approval of the ICC's 2006 meeting schedule, it had come to his attention that the September meeting conflicts with the DDS Health and Wellness Forum. Dr. Peterson reported that this issue had been discussed in the Executive Committee and that new dates and locations (San Jose, Ontario or the Bay Area) had been recommended. A motion was made to change the ICC's meeting dates from September 28-29, 2006, to September 14-15, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Standing Committees provided a brief description of their discussions held prior to today's Full ICC meeting. Committee meeting notes with specific details are included in the ICC packet. Elaine Schneider, PAC Chair, also reported that there were 6 people who attended the Newcomer Orientation. It was noted that the Department of Managed Care needs to be contacted regarding the appointment of an ICC representative.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

- Gretchen Hester, ICC Parent, read a letter from another parent, Sally McDonald, regarding nursing services for young children (Attachment C). Ms. Hester also addressed the subject of nursing care for medically fragile children eligible for Early Start, stating that parent education is needed to inform parents of the options available to them.
- Rebecca Carroll, new ICC Community Representative and parent, read a letter she wrote to direct service providers when her child graduated from Early Start. (Attachment D).
- Laurie Jordan from the Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center noted that many family members are too intimidated by large groups to participate and speak at ICC meetings. She gave a PowerPoint presentation illustrating different ways that parents can provide input to the ICC (Attachment E).
- Al Millan from Warmline Family Resource Center spoke on behalf of parents in his region, indicating that there is a shortage of speech and occupational therapists to meet the needs of children in his area. He also mentioned a new Easter Seals' program modeled after a program from Poland with a focus on "suitability".
- Fran Chasen from the Infant Development Association (IDA), shared information on upcoming training on April 7, 2006, in San Jose, featuring Dr. Sally Rogers from the U.C. Davis MIND institute. Additional training opportunities from this agency can be viewed at [www.idaofcalifornia.org](http://www.idaofcalifornia.org).
- Bridget Ammons, an ICC Community Representative, suggested that "diversity" be the focus when appointing additional community representatives in order to ensure that California's diversity is fully represented.

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### **AGENCY REPORTS**

Department representative provided an overview regarding their Department's activities. Their full written reports are included as attachments.

- Jim Bellotti reported for CDE. (Attachment)
- Hallie Morrow reported for DHS. (Attachment)
- Patrick Kelliher reported for DSS (Attachment)
- Cynthia Jaynes reported for DADP (Attachment)
- Alicia Sheflin Thompson submitted a report on DMH activities (attachment)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rick Ingraham requested Input regarding the Early Start strand topics for the Health and Wellness Forum. He announced that he would send an email to ICC members asking for suggestions regarding workshop topics and possible presenters.

Dr. Peterson noted that there were a few copies available for viewing of the recently printed ICC Annual Report for 2002-03 and 2003-04. It was noted that the report has been submitted to OSEP and will be distributed to the Legislature, Regional Centers, Family Resource Centers, CDE and ICC members. It is an excellent document highlighting the ICC accomplishments. The Governor's proclamation announcing March as Early Start Month will be included in the mailing of the Annual Report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.